grammes relating to Aged". The Scheme aims at providing physical, social, emotional, psychological and economic support to the aged (60 years and above) with a view to help them to continue to be useful and active members of the community. The aged who lack family support and are unable to fend for themselves and/or do not have assured income usually will have a prior claim to the benefits available under the scheme. The objective of the scheme is to encourage voluntary organisations in general and organisations of the elderly in particular to provide old age homes, day care centres, medicare services, and non-institutional services for the aged. The scheme however, does not provide for manual or clerical work. There is no such proposal to tape the resources from the aged in the interest of the country.

Statement

Statement indicating the States/Union Territories-wise number of Old Age Homes assisted during 1994-95 *under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged :—*

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	No. of Old Age Homes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Haryana	3
5.	Maharashtra	4
6.	Manipur	9
7.	Karnataka	10
8.	Kerala	3
9.	Madhya Pradesh	5
10.	Orissa	21
11.	Tamil Nadu	22
12.	Tripura	2
13.	Uttar Pradesh	29
14.	West Bengal	24
15.	Delhi	1
16.	Pondicherry	1
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Wheel Chair and other Orthopaedic Equipments for Handicapped persons

4276. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to draw up a plan to provide a wheel chair and other orthopaedic equipments to all the handicapped people in the country by 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps are proposed in this direction on a year-by-year basis from 1995-96; and

(d) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Welfare has been providing aids and appliances to the handicapped persons including wheel chairs under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/appliances (ADIP) since 1981. Though there is no proposal to cover all orthopaedically handicapped persons by 2000 AD under the scheme efforts are being made to cover maximum number of disabled persons under the scheme including the orthopaedically handicapped.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 55 crores was earmarked for the ADIP Scheme during the 8th Five Year Plan. So far Ministry has spent an amount of Rs. 32.78 crores during the first three years of 8th Five Year Plan (92-93 to 94-95). About 1.87 lakh handicapped persons have been given aids and appliances during the above period. The Ministry will spend remaining amount of grant (Rs. 22.22 crores) during 95-96 and 96-97 to cover an estimated 1.80 lakh disabled persons.

The coverage of orthopaedically disabled during remaining years, i.e., 1997-98 to 1999-2000 will depend upon the allocation of funds under the scheme during the 9th Five Year Plan.